

Ashburton Golf Club

We had some big rounds down at the Brandon in the Club Champs qualifying round 2. Leading the way in the prizes were Chris Ralston and Terry Molloy who both shot wonderful scores of nett 66. The course was playing long with some tricky pins so these were very good scores. I think the biggest statement of the day came from Jeff Hewitt. After young pup Chrisjan shot his 67 last week, reigning club champ, Jeff reminded everyone on whose head the crown sits and that it is not going to be easily removed, as he shot a superb gross 66. Great effort Jeff, I think we are going to have a ding dong battle for Senior club champs later in the year. Another landmark round came from wee Paul Greer who managed to shoot his age with an amazing 77. That's good shooting Paul. Then at the other end of the scale young Lucas Mcgee shot his shoe size on the third hole and he has got quite large feet, if you know what I mean ladies! Then to round out the scoring Pat Turton managed to shoot his IQ which is getting up there. We know he is not a genius, but he is certainly in the top ten percent.

This week we move into the Watson Cup and it seems like Pat has been working to a plan allowing his handicap to drift as he knows he has to carry the hefty carcass of Paddy around the track while trying to play against the two new guns Jerome Maslin and Andrew Twomey. These pups will be playing the Watson cup for the first time, and won't know what to expect, so playing Laurel and Hardy first up will certainly be an eye opener for them. In other big ties, top seeds FC and Chrisjan will have their work cut out against Pete Walker and the Watson Cup king Terry Molloy. Jeff Hewitt and Chris Lovelock will have a great game against Mark Smithers and Aaron Beale, then Sandy Shepherd and Knocker will have a couple of shots up their sleeve and too much guile to worry about Gaby and Bruce. We also have four other matches being played. Results and quarter final predictions next week.

Don't forget it is Anzac Day on Saturday so there will be no organised morning golf, everyone is welcome to pop along and join in the afternoon fun.

On Monday which is Anzac Day observed we have the annual Baker Trophy battle of the sexes. This is the day when new captains Mary Ann and Richard assemble their troops and play a no holds barred, intimidating game of individual Stableford, playing in fours with two ladies and two gents where possible. At the finish of play all the scores are added together, averaged out then manipulated until the ladies pick up the Baker trophy. It's a good system, it's worked well for years, it keeps the ladies happy. I just hope Richard has read the memo and doesn't go out on a limb to try and win. The fall out could be immense!

Have fun and get yourself amongst it down at the Brandon.

Good Golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford